

AMENDED SPECIFICATION

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Figure 5 illustrates the homology of the amino acid sequences for the mature growth factors, human neurturin (hNTN;SEQ ID NO:1), mouse neurturin (mNTN;SEQ ID NO:2), rat GDNF (rGDNF;SEQ ID NO:78), mouse GDNF (mGDNF;SEQ ID NO:77) and human GDNF (hGDNF;SEQ ID NO:76) with identical amino acid residues enclosed in boxes;